

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Certification Review Committee (CRC)

Minutes of the Meeting

February 20, 2008

A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 on Wednesday, February 20, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance were Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, Muraina Akinfolarin, and Olayinka Oredugba. Also in attendance were Antonio Matos, Sandra Traibman, Thomas McAndrews, Esq., and Edward J. Cox, CPA, representing Mount Hope Builders, Inc.

The Minutes of the January 16, 2008 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Certification Review Committee review recommendations of the MBE Compliance Office regarding applications submitted on behalf of the following firms:

- a) Criner-Daniels & Associates, Inc. MBE/DBE TX**
- b) Popson, LLC, d/b/a Instant Imprints MBE/DBE RI**
- c) Rama Construction Corporation MBE/DBE MA**

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of these firms for participation in the State of Rhode Island's MBE program, as well as the DBE program, as applicable, as administered by those transportation agencies governed by 49 CFR in the industry as detailed in the write up presented by the MBE Compliance Office. Motion carried unanimously.

The Certification Review Committee review the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office regarding the application submitted on behalf of the following firm:

a) A.T. Rose Consulting, Inc. WBE/DBE RI

After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of this firm for participation in the State of Rhode Island's MBE program, as well as the DBE program, as applicable, as administered by those transportation agencies governed by 49 CFR in the industry as detailed in the write up presented by the MBE Compliance Office, pending receipt and review of tax returns for JTA, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings:

Mount Hope Builders, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC

pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act and was attended by the owner of the applicant firm, Mr. Antonio Matos. Also in attendance on behalf of Mount Hope Builders, Inc. were Sandra Traibman, Thomas McAndrews, Esq., and Edward J. Cox, CPA. After questioning by the members of the CRC concerning issues of economic disadvantage, a motion was made and properly seconded to table the hearing, pending receipt of additional information. Motion carried unanimously.

Central Electrical Specialty Corp. – The hearing originally scheduled before the CRC for this date regarding the recertification application submitted on behalf of this applicant has been postponed and rescheduled for March 19, 2008, per the request of the applicant.

Old/New Business:

E.L. Waterman, Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC on December 19, 2007 regarding the certification of E.L. Waterman, Inc. Said hearing was tabled, pending additional information. Per the directive of the CRC, representatives of the MBE Compliance Office and E.L. Waterman, Inc. met with representatives from RI DLT to discuss licensing issues. The CRC members were informed that a representative from E.L. Waterman, Inc. is currently scheduled to take the Master Pipefitter I license exam with DLT on February 28, 2008. Therefore, it was determined that the hearing for E.L. Waterman, Inc. will remain tabled, pending the exam results as noted above.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m. The next meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.